

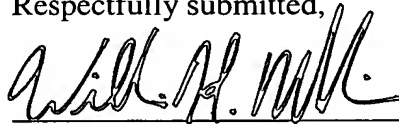
REMARKS

Claims 1–13, 73–77, 114–129, 188–192, 214–229 and 288–292 are pending in the application, of which claims 2–13, 74–77, 115–129, 189–192, 215–229 and 289–292 have been amended to remedy a sentence disconnect.

Claims 14 – 72, 78–113, 130–187, 193–213, 230–287 and 293–313 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. Mandir", written over a horizontal line.

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